

Editorial Comments.

Bob Barlette, the noted humorist, is at the point of death at his summer home on the California coast.

The Cotton Warehouse Licensing Bill has passed the Senate with an amendment to include tobacco under its provisions.

The Hopkins theater building in Louisville and adjoining buildings were damaged by fire to the extent of \$80,000 Monday.

The provisions against exclusive "tying" contracts removed by the Senate committee in the Clayton Anti Trust Bill were restored by the Senate.

M. H. Givens, of London, Ky., has received the appointment of assistant chemist in the Public Health Service at Washington, D. C. His salary is \$2,000 a year.

David R. Francis, former governor of Missouri, after conferences with President Wilson and Secretary Bryan, declined appointment as the first ambassador to Argentina.

William Elliott, of Henderson, was chosen by Secretary McAdoo to represent the tobacco interests upon the committee appointed to draft a plan for the issuance of emergency currency on the staple.

Victor E. Jones and his wife are enroute from Oregon to San Antonio, Tex., under guard of a deputy sheriff, to answer to a charge of murder of Beatrice Nelms and her niece.

Gen. Powell Clayton, distinguished statesman, diplomat and soldier, died at his apartment in Washington Tuesday at the age of 81 years. He had been in feeble health many months.

The court martial which tried 22 officers and men of the national guard of Colorado, at Denver, on charges growing out of the Ludlow battle of April 20, resulted in an acquittal of all the defendants.

Nominations of Attorney General McKendall to be associate justice of the Supreme Court and Thomas W. Gregory to be Attorney General have been ordered favorably reported to the Senate by the Judiciary Committee.

Hon. John E. Lamb, who had in all probability been selected for Ambassador to Mexico when diplomatic relations are resumed, died Sunday, aged 62 years. He had long been one of the most prominent men in Indiana.

Miss Hortense A. Calmes will take her father's place as editor and publisher of the Lyon County Herald. Miss Calmes was her father's assistant during the long illness preceding his death. In continuing the work laid down by her father, she has the good wishes of the entire press of Kentucky. Running a country newspaper is a big task for a young girl to assume.

WILL NOT RELINQUISH
OFFICE OF PASTOR

Paducah, Ky., Aug. 25.—More trouble seems to be in prospect between the official board and Rev. William Savage, pastor of the Tenth Street Christian church, whose pastorate was terminated a few weeks ago by the board, but later the congregation adopted a resolution endorsing him. Services were held today by Rev. Savage, although a member of the official board had declined to make announcement for him in the newspapers, stating that the pastorate had become vacant. Later Rev. Savage handed in an announcement for his services, stating that he did not consider the action of the board binding, and that he had no intention of surrendering the pastorate. A number of people believe the wrangle will terminate in court.

More Rain.

This section was visited by a good rain Tuesday night and another shower fell yesterday.

CONFERENCE
OF GROWERS

Plans To Bring Currency Into Circulation as Soon as Possible.

COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED

Problem of Moving Grain Exports is Clearing Up Rapidly.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 25.—The conference of growers of cotton and tobacco, manufacturers of these commodities, and bankers from sections where these staples are raised, with the secretary of the treasury and the federal reserve board, ended this afternoon with the appointment of a committee of eighteen to formulate a report and suggestions as a result of interchange of ideas at the meeting.

Steps toward providing safe and adequate warehouse facilities throughout the producing centers already are under way, and the leaders in the movement are confident that in a few weeks the emergency created by the European war will have been met.

The committee was appointed after a conference at the treasury department today and to co-operate with its secretary McAdoo designated W. P. G. Harding, of the federal reserve board; C. J. Brand, chief of the office of markets and rural organizations.

Secretary McAdoo said tonight that the problem of the moving grain exports was clearing up rapidly. Within the past week, he explained, nearly 11,000,000 bushels of grain had been taken from gulf ports by steamers for Europe. The greatest congestion still is at Galveston, where there are about 7,250,000 bushels waiting, and at New Orleans, where there are 6,100,000 bushels.

NEW DRUG FIRM

Making Many Changes and Improvements In Store.

Since the new firm formed this month by A. H. Clark, Tom Cushman and Max J. Blythe, under the name of the Blythe Drug Co., has taken charge, quite a number of changes and improvements are being made in the Blythe Drug Store.

The walls are being freshly painted and the whole equipment cleaned. The partition between the front and back parts of the store will be moved up several feet making more space for storing and also for making ice cream, which the company will do itself. New furnishings and stock have been ordered and the store will take on a new aspect.

"PATHFINDERS."

Kentucky Motorcycle Club Due Here This Morning.

This morning at 8 o'clock the members of the Kentucky Motorcycle Touring Club, who are making the 600 mile endurance run, will pass through Hopkinsville and check at the Western Union Telegraph Office. There are eleven in the party. They left Louisville Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock, one minute apart. The Motorcycle riders will pass through towns in nearly every section of the state. They expect to be back in Louisville by 4:25 Friday afternoon. The party is called the "Pathfinders."

Birmingham's New Enterprise.

The importation of ferromanganese having been largely stopped, its manufacture is being attempted in the Birmingham iron district, and if successful, this necessary element in the making of steel will be produced on a large scale.

BATTLE NOW RAGING--FATE
OF FRANCE HINGES ON RESULT

English and French Check Advance of Germans at Several Points and All Available Forces of the Allies Concentrated.

TURKEY IS ON VERGE OF WAR.

That Nation May Soon Enter the Conflict. Italy May Join Great Britain.

Paris, Aug. 26.—The war office has issued the following announcement:

"A new battle is in progress between Maubeuge (department of the Nord) and Donon (in central Vosges). On it hangs the fate of France. Operations in Alsace along the Rhine will take away troops on which might depend victory. It is necessary that they all withdraw from Alsace temporarily to assure its final deliverance. It is a matter of hard necessity."

"West of the Meuse, as a result of orders issued Sunday by the commanding chief, the troops which are to remain on the covering line, to take up the defense are massed as follows:

"The French and British troops occupy a front near Givet, which they gained by hard fighting. They are holding their adversaries and sharply checking their attacks."

"East of the Meuse our troops have regained their original positions commanding the roads out of the great forest of Ardennes."

"To the right we assumed the offensive, driving back the enemy by a vigorous onslaught, but Gen. Joffre stopped pursuit to re-establish his front along the line decided on Sunday. In this attack our troops showed admirable dash. The Sixth corps, notably, inflicted punishment on the enemy close to Virton."

"In Lorraine the two armies have begun a combined attack, one starting from Grand Couronne de Nancy, and the other from south of Lunville. The engagement which began yesterday (Monday) continues at the time of writing. The sound of cannonading is not heard at Nancy as it was yesterday."

"The commander-in-chief, requiring all available forces on the Meuse, has ordered the progressive abandonment of occupied territory. Muelhausen again has been evacuated."

OFFICER DIES TO
DESTROY FORT.

A heroic deed by a Belgian officer is thus described in the official statement of the French war office.

"Fort Chateaufontaine has been the scene of an act of heroism which affirms once more the brilliant valor of the Belgian army."

"The fort which commands the railroad to Aix-la-Chapelle by Verriers and the tunnel to Chateaufontaine was subjected to a continual and extremely violent bombardment. When it was reduced to a mere heap of ruins and Major Nameche, the commanding officer, judged that further resistance was impossible, he blocked up the tunnel by running several locomotives into each other and set fire to the fuses leading to the mines surrounding the forts."

"His mission then accomplished, Major Nameche, determining that the German flag should not fly even over the ruins of his fort, blew up the magazine and perished."

BIGGEST NAVAL MOBILIZATION

(London Chronicle.)

The largest mobilization of warships in all history was certainly that accomplished by Xerxes before the battle of Salamis. According to the detailed figures given by Herodotus, he mustered 1,207 battleships—triremes or ships of war with three banks of oars. Each of these carried a crew of 200 rowers and 30 fighting men. There were also 3,000 smaller vessels of war and transports, averaging 80 men each. A further 120 triremes afterward joined. Herodotus may even have understated the figures, since Aeschylus gives 1,207 triremes as the number present at the battle, and 647 had already been lost or destroyed.

Indiana War Horses.

Lafayette, Ind., Aug. 25.—One of the largest orders ever placed with a firm in this country for horses was received by cable today by J. Crouch and Son of this city from the French government, asking for 15,000 artillery horses for quick delivery. The horses must weigh from 1,100 to 1,500 pounds and must be from 5 to 10 years old.

SON GOES TO DEATH
UNDER FATHER'S ORDERS.

Col. Folque, commander of a division of artillery at the front, recently needed a few men for a perilous mission, and called for volunteers.

"Those who undertake this mission will perhaps never come back," he said, "and he who commands will be one of the first sons of France to die for his country in this war."

Volunteers were numerous. A young graduate of a polytechnic school asked for the honor of leading those who would undertake the mission. It was the son of Col. Folque. The latter paled, but did not flinch. His son did not come back.

Massacre of Americans Threatened.

The United States is watching the situation in Turkey particular because hundreds of American missionaries are there. Ambassador Morgenthau has made long reports on the situation and a week ago the situation seemed alarming. The governor of one of the Turkish provinces had threatened massacre to Americans in Turkey and England went to war. Mr. Morgenthau discussed the subject with the Turkish foreign office and received assurances that if any subordinate officials had made such threats they would be censured.

Affects Trade in Hides.

Tanning and leather manufacturing industries face uncertainties in the supply of raw material, because the European war has affected international trade in hides, George K. Holmes, of the Department of Agriculture, announced. About one-third of the hides utilized in the United States five years ago were imported. In the meantime, the domestic cattle supply has diminished and consumption of hides has increased.

Condition is Improved.

The many friends of Mr. W. E. Adcock, of the Church Hill neighborhood, will be delighted to learn that his condition is improved. Mr. Adcock has been confined to his home by illness for nearly a month.

WAR FEATURES.

London, Aug. 25.—From all parts of Belgium refugees are arriving at Ostend, says the correspondent of the Reuter Telegram company. Some come from distant Charleroi and other towns along the Sambre.

These people of all classes are now on a level, the rich, or those who were rich, finding it just as difficult to get the necessities of life as the poorest. Hotels are crowded by persons of means who, having lost their baggage, have nothing but what they are wearing. Many young Brusselsians, who belonged to the civic guard, but who were disarmed and deprived of their uniform, are going about in the cheapest clothes, purchased in the back streets of Ostend. "Every boat to Folkestone," adds the correspondent, "is said to be the last, and every day there is a rush to the quay, for nobody wants to be in Ostend when the Uhlans arrive, and rumor has them coming hourly."

Belgium's Losses

40,000 Killed.

London, Aug. 25.—The Ostend correspondent of the Chronicle says that Belgium's losses so far are estimated at 40,000 killed. Officials have not hazarded an estimate of the appalling property loss.

Industry everywhere is at a standstill, says the correspondent.

Not a factory or coal pit in the country has been operated in three weeks and not a penny in wages has been received by men in the staple activities of the nation since August 1.

There is nothing but dire poverty, distress and stagnation even in the areas untouched by the fighting.

Provisions for feeding, housing and other care of refugees is being pushed feverishly. More than 4,000 refugees are herded in bathing cabins along the beach and in various small public buildings at Ostend.

Relief Work Continues.

London, Aug. 25.—The American residents' relief committee met members of the dissolving American citizens' committee today and arranged to carry on the work of caring for stranded Americans. Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the residents' committee, ordered investigation a charge that employees of a steamship line were demanding fees for reserving berths for Americans. The rush of Americans from Italy, Switzerland, France and Holland to London continues unabated, and the limited steamship accommodations here indicate that many weeks will elapse before the congestion in England is relieved. The committee which is handling funds deposited with the state department at Washington, continues to pay out thousands of dollars daily.

Refugees Praise Swiss.

Geneva, Aug. 25.—Eight hundred Americans, who are leaving Switzerland for Paris, have arrived in Geneva during the last twenty-four hours aboard special trains.

Two hundred Americans left yesterday for Paris. All praise the hospitality of the Swiss. Most of them left baggage behind them. Women and children appeared to be nervous over the prospect of being delayed in leaving the country. Several thousand Americans still remain in Switzerland. Food is abundant.

Turkey to Take a Hand.

Washington, Aug. 25.—An acute situation has arisen in the Balkan states over the possible entry of Turkey into the European war, according to official advices to the American government from various sources.

Many Washington diplomats familiar with the situation consider it practically certain that should Turkey side with Germany and Austria, Italy would abandon her position of neutrality and join Great Britain, France, Russia and Serbia, who could count also on the assistance of Greece.

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FRANCHISE
IS RATIFIED

The Ratification Was Made Unanimous by the Council Monday Night.

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR LINES.

W. R. Crawley Chosen as Sanitary Contractor And Inspector.

At the regular semi-monthly meeting of the city council Monday night the sale of the street railway and electric lighting franchise made by city clerk Carlos to R. E. Cooper at public auction several days ago was ratified by the council without discussion. The ratification was made unanimously by the council and A. H. Eckles, representing Mr. Cooper, who is out of town, turned over the check for \$131 to Mr. Carlos.

The city and county have now sold their franchises to the capitalists whom Mr. Cooper represents and so far as they are concerned the matter is disposed of. It now remains with the buyers of the franchises as to whether or not the city of Hopkinsville will have street railways and the county will have inter-urban lines.

Only a few of the local business men have been told who the out-of-town capitalists are that have bought the franchises. The council and the people of the town and county generally, however, believe that these people mean to put a railway system and inter-urban lines in the county as soon as possible.

Another matter of importance that came up at the meeting of the council was the election of W. R. Crawley as sanitary contractor and inspector. Mr. Crawley was recommended by the sanitary committee appointed at the last council meeting by Mayor Yost. He will begin work on the first of September. He will be fitted out with a newly equipped wagon with modern improvements for such work.

PETITIONS

Asking For Election on Commission Form of Government.

Some of the business men of Hopkinsville have been circulating petitions during the last day or so addressed to County Judge Knight and asking him to call an election to be held at the regular election in November to decide whether or not this city should adopt the commission form of government.

In order to assure that this election will be called by Judge Knight the petition must bear the names of twenty per cent. of the voters of the city.

The committee reports that more than enough names were signed to make up the required number.

DOLLAR WHEAT

But Deliveries Are Very Light at Present.

The price of wheat on the local market is \$1.00 and some few deliveries are being made at that price. The market opened here at 75¢ and later it declined a few cents. Much of the crop in the county was sold early, but some of the grain was stored. Many farmers who have not sold are holding for a still higher price.

Death at State Hospital.

Miss Marietta Gibson died Sunday at the Western State Hospital where she had been a patient for the last eighteen years. The cause of her death is given as fatty degeneration of the heart.

She was 41 years old and a former resident of Hopkins county. The interment took place at the Hospital.